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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Non-final Office Action mailed on August 18, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expires on November 18, 2005, and thus this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.

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